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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Refaat S. Fanous

Application No.: 10/616,707
Filed: 07/10/2003
For: Self-Retaining Retractor

Group No.: 3732
Examiner: Michael J. Araj

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	28	- 43	= 0	x \$ 25.00	= \$	0.00	
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$	0.00	
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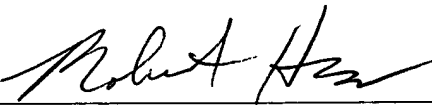
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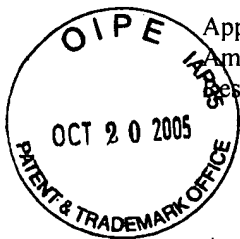
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 11, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed August 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows in order to put the application in condition for allowance:

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Explanation of **Drawing Amendment** begins of page 7.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.

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